To the Right Honourable *William*, Earl of *Craven*; *John*, Earl of *Bath*; *John*, Lord *Berkley*; *George*, Lord *Cartret*; *Anthony*, Lord *Aſhley*; Sir *John Colleton*, Barronet: Being Proprietors of *Carolina*, and the *Bahama* Iſlands.

Thomas Bulkley, *a Free-holder, Inhabitant and Merchant of* New Providence (*one of the ſaid Iſlands*) *Humbly preſenteth the following Addreſs*, Viz.

WHereas (by ſundry papers Preſented to Your Lordſhips for Your peruſal;) *I* the ſaid *Bulkley*, have informed You largly and particularly of the Numerous and Highly aggravated Crimes and Miſdemeanours of *Cadwallader Jones*, late Governour of Your laſt named Province, in and through the whole time that he preſided there; and of my long continued Cruel Sufferings (under his Uſurped Tyrannical power) for my Loyalty to the King, Fidelity and Zealous Service to Your Lordſhips, and the Inhabitants of Your ſaid Province: And that after I was

delivered by Law, I demanded Legal Proceſs againſt *Jones*, his wicked Abettors, and Agents; but it was Corruptly denied to me by *Nicholas Trott*, (whom Your Lordſhips Commiſſioned to ſucceed *Jones* in the Government of the *Bahama* Iſlands, and by Governour *Blake*, and the reſt of Your Judicial Officers at *Carolina*, and preſented Propoſals to Your Lordſhips, *Viz.* That You would put me into a Capacity by Law to Obtain ſpeedy Juſtice in the Reparation of my Damages, and the Condign Puniſhment of my barbarous Oppreſſors, and thoſe who by a perjurious neglect of doing Juſtice, have promoted their Eſcape, all which Papers I hope Your Lordſhips have throughly peruſed, and duly conſidered, and my juſt Expectations and Supplications as aforeſaid, the Reaſonableneſs whereof, I humbly offer to Your Lordſhips further conſideration, in the particulars following.

I.

Becauſe the Office and Exorbitant Power whereby *Jones* was inabled and imboldened to commit thoſe horrible Crimes Alledged againſt him, and to Oppreſs me ſo cruelly for my oppoſing him therein regularly and according to the duty of my Place and Station in the Government, was Conferred on him by Commiſſion and inſtructions from Your Lordſhips without due Examination of his fitneſs for diſcharging the dutys thereof, for, if You had made but a ſlight inquiſition into his inabilitys for Government, You would ſoon have diſcerned that privatively and poſitively he was utterly unqualified for the meaneſt Office of Power and Publick Truſt inſtituted for the common benefit of humane Society, being deſtitute of all Moral Endowments requiſite thereunto, and habitually propenſe to ſuch Vices which to reſtrain from, and puniſh for, was a principal end of Erecting and Eſtabliſhing Government among Men. Be-

II.

Becauſe ſoon after he was Inſtaled in his Office, his Addreſs to Your Lordſhips, his Letters to Col. *Colleton*, Governour of *Carolina*, againſt *Proprietor Southwel*, to Sir *Robert Robinſon* Governour of *Burmudas*, to Mr. *Simon Muſgrave*, Atorney General at *Jamaica*, and to Mr. *Samuel Trott*, Collector at *Burmudas*, being all ſtuff'd with Nonſenſical Rallery, and nauceous ſcurrility, manifeſted him to be an impudent ſhatter brained Idiot, fitter for *Bedlam*, or *Bridewell*, than any place of Authority; yet you continued him near four years in the Adminiſtration of that Suprem Office; wherein his whole managment hath been greatly to the diſhonour of Your Lordſhips, and damage of the people inhabiting Your ſaid Province.

III.

Becauſe all his barbarous and unjuſt dealings with me, have been done by Colour of his Office, and by pretended Authority from Your Lordſhips, whoſe Names he hath conſtantly uſed to imbolden his Agents in the Execution of his unlawful Precepts; *Viz.* To Impriſon people without any cauſe, detain them during his pleaſure, break their Houſes and Rob them of their goods, *&c.* Whereby he hath Repreſented Your Lordſhips as a company of *Nimrods*, that delight in hunting men to deſtruction, and therefore ſend ſuch beaſts of prey to Rule over them.

IV.

Becauſe *Nicholas Trott* (who ſucceeded *Jones* in the Government of the ſaid Province by Commiſſion from Your Lord-

ſhips,) denied me my Birth-right-priviledge, *viz.* the benefit of the Laws of *England*, for my own relief, and the Exemplary puniſhment of my mercileſs oppreſſors; the chief of whom he preferred to places of great Dignity and Authority in the Government, though guilty of, and accuſed for *Trayterous and Felonious Conſpiracys*, *Burglarys*, and other heinous *Crimes*, and at the ſame time held me a cloſe Priſoner, denying me Bail, and delaying my Tryal two months after he became Governour, though I had then been hardly impriſoned under *Jones* his Uſurpation 14 months, and when I was cleared by Law, and in the King's Name demanded Legal Proceſs againſt *Jones*, and *Graves*; he permitted both to Reſire out of the Province, whereby they have Eſcaped Demerited-puniſhment, and becauſe the ſaid *Trott* hath Aſſumed and Exerciſed an Arbitrary and Tyrannical Power over the Perſons, Libertys, and Propertys of the Kings Subjects inhabiting Your ſaid Province, ever ſince he came to the Government.

V.

Becauſe through the denials of Juſtice by Your Lordſhips Miniſters at *Providence*, and *Carolina*; I am Neceſſitated to leave the Place of my Setled Habitation and Trade, my Lands, Houſes, Goods, and Debts of great value, and to Expoſe my ſelf to great Perril of Life and Liberty, and to great Expence of time and mony in Traveling 3000 miles over the *Seas*, viz. From *Providence* to *England*, to ſpread my deplorable *Caſe* before Your Lordſhips, to whom only (*Trott* ſaith) *Jones* is anſwerable for the male Adminiſtration of his Office; and by the Denials aforeſaid, I am deprived of witneſſes here [*viva voce*] to prove the matters of *Fact* which I have Aledged againſt them, aud for which I am bound to proſſecute.

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Becauſe they who have the diſpoſal of Offices for Adminiſtration of Juſtice, ought not to put into them any but ſuch as are duely qualified, and for whom they will anſwer, the Law ſays *Reſpondeat Superior*, which is the reaſon why Security is required for ſuch Officers before they can Execute their reſpective Offices; otherwiſe the Perſons ſuſtaining damage by their ignorant or corrupt Errors, would be deſtitute of remedy, whereby thoſe Offices that are appointed for common benefit, would become the moſt Common and only Remediles grievances.

VII.

Becauſe Your Lordſhips (by whom *Jones*, *Trott*, *Blake*, &c were Veſted with the ſaid Offices and Exorbitant powers which Enabled and Imboldened them, their Abettors and Agents to do thoſe *Acts* of monſtrous Cruelty and Injuſtice to me, and whereby I have been deprived of the benefit of the Laws for my own relief, and their puniſhment) are beyond expreſſion better able to repair my Loſſes and Damages, than I am to bear them, who have loſt a Virtuous Wife (frighted to Death by the *Burglarious* and other Terrifying *Acts* of Violence done by the ſaid *Jones* and his Complices) my own health, by hard and long Impriſonment, my whole Eſtate in Lands, *&c.* as aforeſaid; am put out of all manner of Employment, diſabled to pay my Debts, and to betake my ſelf to the Free and Publick Exerciſe of any Occupation, for maintaining my ſelf and Offspring; or to be in any conſiderable degree uſeful in my Generation, in which *Caſe*, Life is undeſirable to a good man.

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The Exorbitant Powers (in the first foregoing Reason) said to be Confer'd by Your Lordships upon *Jones*, were that by Commission You impowered him, and by instructions directed him to appoint a Deputy to Each *Proprietor* according to his pleasure, and every Deputy so appointed to be always a Member of the Grand Councel, and of the Upper House in the General Assembly, and to hold those Places of Dignity and Authority during his pleasure: And he with the consent of three Deputys of his own Election and appointment, to Ratify or Reject such Laws as should be chosen by the Peoples Representatives Convened in a General Assembly, also to Adjourn, Prorogue and Dissolve the Assembly at their Arbitrary will and pleasure, which Powers the said *Jones* hath corruptly used to the Subverting of the very Ends of Government, in appointing Indigent Illiterate and Vitious Men to be your Deputys; whereof some have been Notoriously guilty of Capital Crimes: These being introduced by his favour and holding their Places *duranto bene placito*, by their servile Compliance with him in his Arbitrary and oppressive Practices, and Trayterous Conspiracies, have furthered the Execution thereof, and frustrated the good Effect of all Legal means used, for limiting his Exorbitant power, and Redressing the Peoples intollerable grievances, under his Tyranny. By the Advice and Consent of such dependent Creatures, he hath procured long Intermissions, undue Elections, and abrupt Dissolutions of General Assemblies, and thereby hath Defeated the chief Ends of the Constitution and Convention of that Supream Court, *viz.* Enacting beneficial Laws, Redressing Grievances, and correcting the Exorbitances of pernitious Favorites and corrupt Ministers of State

To evince the truth of what is said concerning his choice of Deputys, I present Your Lordships with a Catalogue of the Names, and a description of the Persons who were appointed

pointed to be Your Deputys, by *Cadwallader Jones*, in the time of his Tyrannical Government of Your ſaid Province, *viz.* from the 19th day of *June Anno* 1690. to the 16th day of *April* 1694. *viz.* Himſelf, whoſe diſcription you have had before; *Bartholomew Mercier*, an indigent *French* Alien, and a Robber of *French Proteſtant* Refugees; *John Graves*, a perpetual Incendiary; *Gilbert Aſhley*, *Bowen Claſen*, *Allen Abbot*, a Pirate, *Timothy Rumney*, a reputed *Papiſt*, [the two laſt were choſen Deputys to ſtrengthen a Conſpiracy to Baniſh *Bulkley*, for oppoſing *Jones* his Tyranny in a Parliamentary way] *Richard Holloway*, *Daniel Jackſon*, a Notorious Pirate; *Martin Cock*, a ſervant to a *Punch*-houſe-keeper; *Thomas Cumber*, an Illiterate man, who could not write his own Name; *Thomas Peck*, *Thomas Williams*, a Notorious Pirate; *Aſhley* and *Claſen* (being ſencible and ſober men) were diſplaced by *Jones*, and *Halloway* avoided the ſame fate, by going to *Jamaica*.

That the Character I have given of *Jones* may be Evidently verified, I have inſerted his Letter to Mr. *Samuel Trott*, and the Anſwers thereunto, alſo Sir *Peter Colleton*'s Letter to *Jones*, as a Specimen thereof, *Viz.*

A LETTER from *Cadwallader Jones*, Governour of the *Bahama* Islands in *America* (by Commission from the Right Honourable *William* Earl of *Craven*, *John* Earl of *Bath*, *John* Lord *Berkley*, *George* Lord *Cartret*, *Anthony* Lord *Ashley*, and Sir *Peter Colleton*, Barronet, being Proprietors of the said Province.) Superscribed to *Sam. Trott*, Esq; Governour would be of the *Bahamas*, and his Counsel, in *Barmudas*. Humbly present, *per* Capt. *Walmsley*.

My nefarious Friend, Samuel Trott,
Let thy Villanies and Treasonable Conspiracies rot.
Your little thoughts, and Forging Hands,
Will bring you where the Gallows stands.
By chance a Collector, but now a Projector,
Will Murder do, to prove your self a Hector.
First to begin, he causes Reports of Walmsley,
Bridge *was sure of him, I'de make* Mummy.
Great is our God and doth Commiserate,
Those Inprinciples that Sin do hate.
Your Mountaine hath brought forth a Mouse,
Your Petition and Faction I value not a Louse.
There is no danger of a Popish Successor,
And of the Church of England *I'le be a Professor.*
Call your Conventicle and be Damn'd,
I'le make you know in Province *I stand.*

Nassau, *Octob.* 12, 1691. Cadwallader Jones.

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Sarra,

I desire no Dogs from your Island, with their Families to settle here, you may remember St. *John* in his *New Jerusalem, Without are Dogs, Sorcers,* &c. which I take to be *Non-con's*, that St. *John* means, such as you and your Subscribers, which makes me use his just Title given you.

Its true, I cannot hinder you, the Land is before you; but I'le make you pay the Church Honourably by a Vestry. I expect an Ordain'd Minister every day, and Sarra let me tell you 'tis in my power in Spight of your *Mallice*; you have not all the Bishops in the *Tower* yet, and more I have Escap'd, being murdered by you and your Subscribers Machinations. The 29*th* past is worse on your sides.

In few days a Parliament meets, the Discourse of the City is That to prevent your Factious Masters of *Sloops* daily Robberies in our Out Plantations, and to obstruct your Trade, be it Enacted, That any *Barmuda Men* (coming into our Ports or Havens) that cannot say the Lords Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, shall not have liberty to Trade; 'tis as rational as the *Jews* and *Samaritans*, you the *Jews* daily contriving the *Killing* of Kings. I'le say no more of you the World Rings.

Nassau, Octob. the 12*th* 1691. *Cadwallader Jones.*

Governour *Jones*'s Accrostick on the name of *Trott*, followeth, *viz.*

True its said your Sisters anells shape
Rough thou and Brow, much the Ape.
Ought Sip thou shalt for thy Rebellion,
Tric'd I doubt not by a second Gideon.

An Anſwer to the foregoing Letter from the ſaid *Samuel Trott, Collector* at *Barmudas*, the Inſcription being as followeth, *viz.*

To the much Admired Cadwallader Jones, *Eſq; Capt. General and Governour of the Iſlands called* New Providence, Elutheria, Exuma, Cat Iſland, *and* Hog Iſland, *and over all Perſons therein of what Colour ſoever*, Whites, Blacks, *or* Muletto's, *and of all Animals, and Inſects, of every Kind and Quality.*

Great Sir,

TO you theſe Lines are Dedicated, for (having received yours dated the 12*th*) I could do no leſs in gratitude than return you an anſwer, not doubting your acceptance thereof. I intended to have *followed* your method of Verſe before Proſe, but conſidering you put me in remembrance of *St. John* in his *New Jeruſalem*, in return threunto, I ſend you one of King *Solomons* Proverbical Ethicks, *viz. Anſwer not a Fool according to his Folly, leaſt thou be like him.* What I have now written may ſerve to ſettle your *Windmil-Brain*, when you return from your Exchange, *Vulgarly called a Rum-Punch Houſe.* The Superſcription and Seal of your Letter, was very pleaſing to me, much more the *Poetical* Ingenuity of your Verſes, and the *Courtly* ſtile of your Proſe, the rarity whereof, my *Pen* is too dull to Expreſs. It exceeds *Tom Thumb in Folio*, or *Don Quixot de Sancta Delapancha*, the whole being ſo *Savory*, that all the *Salt* brought from *Cat Iſland* by our *Interlopers* (without your *Clearings*) could not have given ſo *Savory a Relliſh.* I mention the ſaid Learned Authors ſuppoſing you have ſpent much of your time in Reading them, in order to better accompliſh you for Goverr-

vernment: O how unfortunate have I been, ſo long to be unacquainted with you, being a perſon of ſuch Incomparable parts, and Admirable *Qualifications*, that I am perſwaded no Academy in Europe hath produced your Equal, except the *Colledge* of *Bedlam*, where I preſume you have paſſed *all Degrees*. I am unwilling to trouble you with a long *Epiſtle*, elſe I would give you ſome account of the Medicinal Virtues and wonderful Operations of your Letter upon ſome People here (on which account, I think it well deſerves to be called Coll. *Jones's Catholicon*) but you will have it from another hand. I had been more ſpeedy in my anſwer, but a report of your being put on Board a Veſſel in order to your Tranſportation, diverted me. If you pleaſe to ſend any more of your Compoſitions, they ſhall be poſted up for publick Advertiſement. I have nought to add, but conclude Saluting you with a *Panegyrick Poem* on your *Excellencies* ſingular Endowments, Achievements, and Merits, *viz.*

Blaze forth Great Jones *with thy ingenious Fire,*
'Twill make the Aged and the Wiſe admire.
Diſplay the Beams of thy rare Virtues, and
Raiſe Caſtles great by thy Induſtrious hand,
Near tell us that in Providence *you ſtand,*
More fit you are Utopia *to Command:*
Such thundering Words as yours, how could they come
From the dull Spirits of inſippid Rum.
For we aſſure you, never yet before,
Such Lines have reach'd our Petrified Shore.
Brave Jones *be ſtout, and ſtill have Courage Bold,*
Rum *very ſhortly will be cheaper Sold.*
But ſtay my muſe, and let him have the Praiſe,
Nature hath crown'd his Head with wreathed Bays.

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Sir,

I almoſt forgot to anſwer your Accroſtick, pray accept the following, from yours, *Samuel Trott.*

Jones *from* Virginia *lately ran away,*
October *was the Month as People ſay,*
Now he tells us in Providence *he doth ſtand,*
E're long hee'l run from thence or will be Hang'd,
Such Fools as he nere knew how to Command.

An Abſtract of a LETTER *from* Barmudas *to* Cadwallader Jones, *Governour of the* Bahama Iſlands.

Sir,

YOur Letter directed to Governour would be of the *Bahaman's* and his Counſel, hath come to my hand; and I (having a great reſpect for the perſon to whom it was ſent) thereupon held my ſelf obliged to give my own and others thoughts of that Letter. The ſtile of your verſes I much admire, but they run not very ſmooth, thro' the inequality of their Feet; a certain perſon who had a ſight of them, ſaid, if a School-boy ſeven years old had writ ſuch ſtuff, he would have Jerk'd him till he Beſhit himſelf.

Your ſaid Letter hath produced various Effects here, for in all Companies (when merrily diſpoſed) we have News from *Naſſau.* The Women have it too, and uſe it inſtead of *Raw Head and Bloody Bones* to Affright their *Children* out of croſs grain'd Humours. Some more of your Compoſitions would be of great uſe here, for I am informed

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the ſight of them (paſted up over the *Piſſing places*) will cure a *Clap* more Infallibly than *Aqua Tetrachy machacon*, or, *Mercurius Dulcis*. An unlucky Doctor (to a perſon much troubled with Groſs Humours) preſcribed a Doſe of it as *Purging Phyſick*, of which, the *Patient* taking but one Verſe, it gave him Fifteen *Stools*. A *Maggot Pated Fellow* (*like your ſelf*) ancy'd he had an *Allegator* or young *Crockadile* in his *Belly*, and to deliver him of it, a *Vomit* was judg'd moſt propper, and a *Potion* of the Infuſion of *Crocus Metallorum*, fitter for a *Horſe* than a *Man* was preſcribed, but it proved ineffectual, not being ſtrong enough; Then ſaid an arch wag, give the Gentleman part of Governour *Jones* his Letter, thereupon they agreed to give him your *Accroſtick* on the name *Trott*, but before the *Patient* had taken half of it, they thought he would vomit up his *Heart*, *Liver* and *Lungs*, by the violent opperation of this ſtrong *Emettick*.

Sir, I have no other *News* whereof to Advertiſe you, but for as much that I have heard the fame of your profound Wiſdom, in reſolving intricate Queſtions (being a ſecond *Solomon* in your own conceit) I propoſe this Queſtion to you, *viz* If a Man be found to be *Felo de ſe*, by the *Coronors* Inqueſt, whether the *Law* in ſuch caſe will afford him the Benefit of the *Clergy*, and deſire the Favour of your opinion by the firſt oppertunity: In granting thereof, you will Infinitely oblige him that (with an *Accroſtick* on your *Sir-Name*) takes leave, remaining, *Sir*, your Extraordinary wel-wiſher --- *Palmarin de Olwa*, *alias*, *Lazarill des Agnes*

I tell thee what, Cad. Jones *thou art the ſport*,
Of each Lewd Fellow, and the Common ſort.
Ne're ſuch a Fool as you, who would ſeem witty,
E're yet was found in Naſſau *City.*
So far you well, if more I'm ſure 'tis pitty.

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A Letter from Sir *Peter Colleton* (then a *Proprietor* of *Carolina* and the *Bahama* Islands) to *Cadwallader Jones*, Governour of the said Islands, Directed for him, in *Providence*, as followeth,

Coll. Jones,

I *Wrote to youby* Coll. Ludwell, *since when no Oppertunity hath presented until now, I have read several Letters from you, and have also had the perusal of your* Pacquet *Directed to the* Earl *of* Craven, *and take notice of the Letters you writ to Mr.* Musgrave, *and Mr.* Trott, *in which* Pacquet, *Coppys of them were incloſed; and have also seen the Coppy of the Letter you wrote to Sir* Robert Robertson, *Governour of* Barmudas; *I was in hopes you had seen your Error in writing such Letters as that was to Sir* Robert; *But those you sent since to* Simon Musgrave, *and Mr.* Samuel Trott, *Convince the Lords you have not; but persist in the same indiscretion: For no man that sees these Letters, but must conclude they came from the Pen of a Man out of his sences; And that you Expose, the Reputation of the Lords by them: For what will the world think of their Employing a Man as Governour, that hath no more prudence than to send such Extravagant Letters, up and down the world; and send Coppys of them to the Lords* Proprietors, *that they also may be witnesses of his Indiscretion. They (to vindicate themselves) have thought fit to Impower Mr.* Nicholas Trott *to be Governour of the* Bahama *Islands, to whom you are to Surrender the Government: I am heartily sorry it should so fall out, The Lords have a great kindness and respect for you, and will be willing to do what is in their power for you, but they are answerable to the King for the good Government of the Places granted to them, and cannot answer the not doing what they have now done. Write me what you think may be of advantage for you, that they can do, and I will get it dispach'd for you: I am your very Affectionate Friend,* P. Colleton.

London the 31 of Febr. 1692.

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My Lords,

THE Sufferings that undeservedly I have undergon by the Oppression and Injustice of your Ministers, (viz. Jones, Trott, *and your Deputys Chosen and Appointed by them.*) *have been so Great, and continued so Long, that I cannot digest them, therefore I have waded through great Difficulties and Dangers in coming from* Providence *to* England *for Redress. And since my Arival here, I have truly represented my Case to your Lordships, so as would move the Hearts of every one* (*that is not degenerated from Christianity, Morality, and Humanity*) *with pitty to the Oppressed, and Indignation against the Barbarous Oppressors. As to my self, when I reflect upon the resentment Expressed by all the tribes of* Israel (*the Culpable only excepted*) *in the* Levites *Case, Recorded in the Sacred History,* viz. *the* 20th Chap. *of* Judges, *from the* 1st *to the* 14. *Verse, I am filled with Astonishment at your strange Unaffectedness with the Relation that hath been made to you of the Agents Monstrous Villanies, and the patients dreadful Sufferings in this Case* (*which far exceeds the* Levits *in heinous Aggravations*) *especially if you consider how much you have contributed to both, by putting the too Edged Sword of Supreme Authority into the hand of an Indigent-Vitious-Frantick-Fool, who hath daily used it to the dishonour of your Lordships, and destruction of the Kings best Subjects inhabiting your Province, ever since he was admitted to the Government, and above all others to the ruin of me, who once more apply my self to you for Redress, the which if you do not speedily grant me, I shall be obliged to bring*

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my Complaints against your Delegates, and your selves, before the King and Counsel, to whom Sir Peter Colleton *(in his Letter to* Jones*) hath acknowledged you are accountable for the Government of the Provinces granted to you by the Charters of His Majesties Royal Predecessors.*

Your Lordships Answer to this my last Adress, is Humbly Expected and Desired by your Actively and Passively [illegible] deserving, tho' Igneably and Unmercifully disregarded [illegible],

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Your Lordſhips Anſwer to this my laſt Adreſs, is Humbly Expected and Deſired by your Actively and Paſſively well-deſerving, tho' Ignobly and Unmercifully diſregarded Servant,

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